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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council provides that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the United Nations Forum on Forests shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, a Chairperson and such other officers as may be required (see E/5975/Rev.1). According to Council resolution 2000/35 of 18 October 2000 establishing the Forum, the Bureau shall consist of a Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons, one of whom shall also act as the Rapporteur, in accordance with the principle of equitable geographical distribution.

On 27 May 2005, at the first meeting of its sixth session, the Forum elected Mr. Tono Kružić (Croatia) and Mr. Franz Xaver Perrez (Switzerland) as members of the Bureau for the sixth session of the Forum. It postponed the election of the members from the regional groups of African States, Asian States and Latin American and Caribbean States, as well as the Chairperson and Rapporteur, to a later meeting. Since the first meeting, the Secretariat has received the following nominations for the remaining positions of the Bureau:



- Ms. Judith Mbula Bahemuka (Kenya) on behalf of the Group of African States
- Mr. Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon) on behalf of the Group of Asian States

At the time of the submission of the present document a nomination on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States had not been received by the Secretariat.

The Forum may wish to elect the above-mentioned persons and the remaining position to the Bureau. The Forum may also wish to elect Ms. Judith Mbula Bahemuka (Kenya) as Chairperson and Mr. Franz Xaver Perrez (Switzerland) as the Rapporteur for the sixth session of the Forum.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Forum shall, at the beginning of the session, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

The Forum may wish to note that in its resolution 2005/29, the Economic and Social Council, while taking note of the report of the fifth session of the Forum and approving the provisional agenda for its sixth session, decided that at the sixth session the Forum should ensure the opportunity to receive and consider inputs from representatives of major groups and that the Bureau should, as a priority, provide the opportunity for the major groups to hold side events during the sixth session of the Forum to permit them to present their points of view on the issues to be addressed during the session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda (E/CN.18/2006/1)

3. Implementation of decision 5/2 of the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

In its decision 5/2 entitled, "Review process of the fifth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests", the Forum, recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35 and the Forum's multi-year programme of work adopted in its resolution 1/1, in particular section A, subparagraphs 4 (d) (i), (ii) and (iii), decided to complete the consideration of the review process based on the bracketed draft text developed in informal consultations during its fifth session. The bracketed text labelled as "Chairman's draft text", in the form of a draft resolution of the Council, was contained in the annex to decision 5/2. A note by the Secretariat is being prepared to introduce the bracketed text and to inform member States of new developments having occurred since the fifth session of the Forum.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.18/2006/2)

4. Date and venue for the seventh session of the Forum

The Forum shall decide the date and venue for the seventh session.

5. Provisional agenda for the seventh session of the Forum

The Forum shall recommend to the Economic and Social Council for adoption a provisional agenda for the seventh session.

6. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its sixth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Forum shall submit to the Council a report on the work of its session.